

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

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Re: FOIA No. FY19-79
Response Letter

VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

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Dear Ms. Best:

By correspondence received on May 30, 2019, you filed a request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA),¹ and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) FOIA regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 388.108 (2019). Specifically, you requested:

“documents generated as part of the creation of the FOIA office (defined as whatever department, office, or coordinator is responsible for overseeing and/or processing FOIA requests), after the 1966 passage of the Freedom of Information Act, to include:

- (1) the instruction to do so from the Agency, as well as any guidance from the senior leadership;
- (2) documents discussing proposals and procedures;
- (3) any legal guidance or analysis produced or acquired by the Agency in response to or as part of the creation of the FOIA office;
- (4) internal documents from the press office, legislative liaison's office (or equivalent), general counsel's office (or equivalent), director's office (or equivalent) or the newly created FOIA office, reacting to or characterizing the office and its creation;
- (5) a copy of the agency's first perfected (successful) FOIA request
- (6) copies of other FOIA requests filed before the FOIA request described above;
- (7) processing notes, search slips and response documents regarding the FOIA requests described above;

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552(a) *as amended* by the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-185, 130 Stat. 538 (2016).

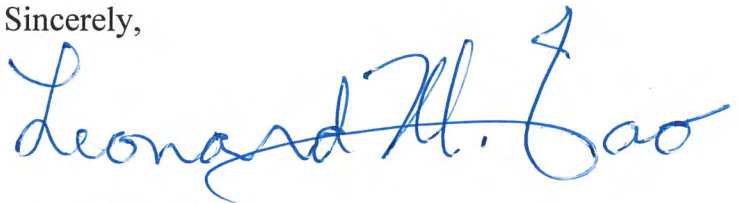
- (8) the first set of guidelines, instructions and/or forms created to control the agency's processing of FOIA requests;
- (9) a copy of the agency's first successful FOIA appeal;
- (10) copies of other FOIA appeals received by the agency before the appeal described above;
- (11) processing notes, search slips and response documents regarding the FOIA appeals described above; and
- (12) the first set of guidelines, instructions and/or forms created to control the agency's processing of FOIA appeals.

A search of the Commission's non-public files identified no responsive documents or records to your request.

As provided by the Freedom of Information Act and 18 C.F.R. § 388.110(a)(1) of the Commission's regulations, any appeal from this determination must be filed within 90 days of the date of this letter. This appeal must be in writing, addressed to James P. Danly, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, and clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please include a copy to Charles A. Beamon, Associate General Counsel, General and Administrative Law, at the same address.

You also have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the FOIA Public Liaison of the agency or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue your appeal. You may contact OGIS by mail at Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (301) 837-1996; facsimile at (301) 837-0348; or toll-free at 1 (877) 684-6448.

Sincerely,



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